

(a) whether the Government are aware of massive illegal construction in villages adjoining posh localities viz. Greater Kailash, Masjid Moth, etc.;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected, village-wise;

(c) the number of slums actually demolished; and

(d) the number of cases where action is pending alongwith reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (d) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that there is one village namely Jamarudpur adjoining Greater Kailash-I. As and when illegal construction is detected/ reported action is taken by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in the area.

In addition, three cases of unauthorised constructions have also been detected and booked for action under the provisions of DMC Act. It is reported that there is no village adjoining the locality of Masjid Moth.

National Social Assistance Programme

1762. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned full amount under National Social Assistance Programme in Kerala;

(b) the amount sanctioned and yet to be released under this scheme in Kerala; and

(c) the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The amount sanctioned and yet to be released for three schemes of National Social Assistance Programme namely, the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS), the National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and the National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS) is given below :

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Amount released 1995-96	Amount released 1996-97	Total	Amount yet to be released
(i)	NOAPS	354.55	561.55	916.10	790.97
(ii)	NFBS	90.57	88.71	179.28	240.77
(ii)	NMBS	64.88	9.59	74.47	224.73

(c) The release of funds is dependent on the State furnishing information on substantial utilisation/expenditure (atleast 50%) of total available funds released earlier. Full amount could not be released to all the districts of the State due to non fulfilment of the aforesaid condition.

INDO-Gulf Power Project

1763. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Indo-Gulf Power Project runs into rough weather" appearing in the Business Standard dated. January 21, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to resolve the issue; and

(e) the present status of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGAPALACHARI) : (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The financing issue is to be resolved between the project promoters, M/s Indo Gulf Fertilisers Corporation, who are implementing the Rosa Thermal Power Project (567 MW) in Uttar Pradesh, and their financiers.

Central Electricity Authority (CEA) considered the proposal of the promoters for accord of techno-economic clearance on 11.12.1996 & 24.2.1997. Techno-economic clearance to the project was deferred for want of certain inputs from the promoters and the State Government.

Price of Petroleum projects

1764. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the manner in which International price of Crude Oil and the present prices of petroleum oil products specially petrol, diesel, kerosene and A.T.F. (Aviation Turbine Fuel) were linked;

(b) the price mechanism followed in determining cost of finished products at landed price and at indigenous price in relation to cost of Crude oil at International rate during the last one year;

(c) whether the dual pricing system for Crude Oil & finished products based on landed price at port and cost price at Refinery point being equated at par, giving benefit of extra profit for indigenous products in relation to high-cost of imported products and vice-a-versa; and

(d) whether the benefit under system as mentioned above are passed over to Pool Account during the last

two years product-wise for petrol, Diesel, Kerosene and A.T.F. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU) : (a) to (d) The pricing of petroleum products is based on the recommendations of Oil Prices Committee, 1976 as modified by Oil Cost Review Committee, 1984. The pooled FOB price of indigenous and imported crude forms the basis for price estimation of different products. The elements of freight, Customs duty, refining margin etc. are added to the pooled FOB price and the retention price of products are derived on the basis of prefixed relative indices. The weighted average of retention prices gives the ex-refinery price of the finished products. Marketing margin, surcharges towards Cost & Freight and product price adjustments are added to arrive at the ex-storage point price which is uniform at all primary pricing points.

The prices of petroleum products are administered by the Government through the pool account mechanism. The difference between the pooled FOB price of crude in the price build-up and the actual cost of imported and indigenous crude is adjusted in the pool account. Similarly, the difference between the landed cost of imported products and the ex-refinery price for the respective petroleum is adjusted in the pool account.

Restrictions on Constructions

1765. SHRI O.P. JINDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have imposed restrictions for carrying out any new construction in Lutyens Bungalow Zone;

(b) if so, whether a committee was constituted by the Ministry to review these restrictions and to suggest modifications/changes in these restrictions;

(c) whether this committee was to give its recommendations about five years back and has still not finalized its recommendations till date; and

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to allow construction in Lutyens Bungalow Zone within the buildings envelope and as per the existing bye-laws which are applicable to Lutyens Bungalow Zone and areas adjoining to Lutyens Bungalow Zone ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government issued a set of guidelines in 1988 in respect of Lutyens Bungalow Zone in-order to maintain its unique character which is still dominated by green areas and bungalows.

(b) The Government had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Planner, Town & Country Planning Organisation in September, 1992 to finalise the issue of boundary delineation and development in respect of Lutyens Bungalow Zone.

(c) The Committee submitted its recommendations in February, 1993 which were considered by the Government and it was decided in October, 1995 that the guidelines issued in February, 1988 are to be strictly enforced.

(d) Instructions have been issued to N.D.M.C., D.D.A. and M.C.D. to allow construction in Lutyens Bungalow Zone within the building envelope as there is no restriction about the plinth in the guidelines, provided all other conditions stipulated in the guidelines, Master Plan and Building Bye-laws are satisfied.

[Translation]

Conversion of Dry Toilet into wet Toilet

1766. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have ascertained the reasons for not achieving considerable success in the conversion of dry toilets into wet toilet;

(b) the reasons for not achieving any success despite the facility of loans and subsidy;

(c) whether only 5 lakh dry toilets out of 12 lakh have been converted into modern one;

(d) whether the subsidy provided earlier in the rural areas for the construction of modern toilets, have been limited to only people below poverty line; and

(e) whether the Government propose to revive the old scheme of subsidy so that all families in rural areas may avail the facility of modern toilets under the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) The status and progress of conversion of dry latrines into sanitary latrines was discussed with all the States/UTs in a meeting held on 5th August, 1996. Most of the states/UTs have reported that there are no latrines in rural areas or their number is extremely less. Conversion of dry latrines into wet latrines is an integral part of the Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.